

The Dover Society

The minutes of the 208th meeting of the E/C which was held on Thursday 12th. April 2007
in the Parish Room of St Paul's Church Dover.

1) Present: Mr & Mrs Cope Dr Hale; Mrs Hooper; Mr Lee; Mr Leach (Chmn) ;Mr Naylor; Mrs Reidy; Mr Sutton; Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford.

2) Apologies: Apologies were received from Mrs Liggett; Mrs Marsh ; Mr Mc Farnell; & Mr Sencicle.

3) Minutes. The minutes of the 207th meeting which had been circulated were agreed after a minor amendment.

4) Matters Arising: Mr Leach said that he had received a letter from the KKC referring to future changes of staff in the local library. After a discussion it was agreed that a reply be sent expressing our regret to their proposals. A reply has been received from the DHB expressing thanks for our suggestions to the plan for the Western Docks Extension Scheme confirming that they will be actively considered during the final planning stage. Mrs Liggett has agreed to accept the post of Vice President of the Society. To be put to the AGM. A letter of thanks has been sent to Merrill Lilley Triangle Publications for their generous donation to the Society.

5) Mr Leach said that he had covered most of his points in the previous items but that he had received a letter from the DTC concerning the forthcoming Dover Festival..

6) Mr Naylor drew attention to the forthcoming AGM which led to a discussion on the conduct of the elections for the E/C. It was agreed that the meeting should decide whether to accept an en bloc vote for the Committee or to vote individually for each member.

7) The Treasurer Capt. Weston distributed the monthly financial report and drew attention to the following points:-

- 1) Subs received £68 for year 07/08
- 2) £35 received from Advertising.
- 3) £29.78 for Newsletter postage.
- 4) £828.38 paid to Adams Printers for Christmas Cards. Total profit £223.54
- 5) £89.71 for printing and stationery..(covers AGM & 3 months photo- copying etc)
- 6) Paid £5 sub to the Western Heights Preservation Soc.
- 7) Paid £60 to Crabble Mill Corn Mill Trust and £30 to The Pilgrims Hospice courtesy of the talk on Bletchley Park.
- 8) £82.90 from the projects funds for repairs & maintenance to garden machinery used at Cowgate.
- 9) The accounts are now complete for the Christmas Feast (Surplus £60.50) and the March meeting Surplus £20.04.
- 10) Finally £234.84 interest from the Caf account.

It was agreed that the sum of £40 be paid as our subscription to the White Cliffs Country Tourist Association. There then followed a long discussion on the payment of £70 expenses for the visit from the French Society. It was finally proposed by Mr Sutton and seconded by Mr Naylor that payment be made . Carried nem. con. This led to a further long discussion about the payment of expenses to the organisers of the summer outings. It was proposed by Mr Sutton and seconded by Mr Naylor that organisers of Society events should have any expenses incurred met by the Society. Carried The Treasurer voting against

8) Social Secretary. Mrs Cope reported that there were four new members this month they are:- Mr Peter and Mrs Valerie Franklin of Eythorne; Mr S.W. Miller of Trefor Jones Court; Mr Neil Hill of Castle Ave. The total number of members is now 462

9) Social Secretary; Mrs Hooper said that the bookings for the Greenwich trip were coming in very slowly but more were expected from the AGM . The French event was on course and arrangements were in the process of being 'firmed up'.

10) Projects. Mr Cope said that Cowgate was now more or less complete the winter tasks being finished and all was ready for the new season. The River Dour The Steering committee had held their meeting and the White Cliffs Country Side Organisation were to arrange public walks during the summer. The 'lake' at B&Q was chosen to be the first area to be tidied up.

11) Planning and Local Govt. Mr Woolford gave out copies of the minutes of the 113 meeting of the Planning S/C. He said that the letter which had been sent to the Planning Officer concerning the Rix planning application remains unanswered and the S/C suggested that a copy should be sent to the Chief PO also to the Chairman of the DDC Agreed. The planning application for development on the Avenue at Temple Ewell , which was opposed by the Society has been turned down by the Council.

12) Press Secretary. Mr Sutton said than the Society had received good press coverage in the local papers.

13) The Editor, Mr Lee said that he was seeking a report for the next edition of the Newsletter of the AGM.

14) The Beirut Memorial. Mr Leach said that the DDC were preparing a programme to celebrate the event and that he had been asked by the RAF if anything had been arranged and if so they would be interested although they could not promise the Red Arrows they would be in touch.

15) AOB. Mr Leach drew attention to the Zeebrugge Memorial Day (23.April)and said that the Society would be laying a wreath.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.45hrs.